New York, Dec. 20/46.

Rev. A. A. Phelps
Jamaica

Dear Brother,

I rec'd a short letter from you dated Port au Prince 4 days after your arrival. The letter for Mr Bigelow was forwarded & here I be will, I think, have some enquiries instituted in Congress. Since the receipt of that letter we learn that you were about quitting Haiti for Jamaica on account of the hot weather &c. We hope you will arrive there safely & find the climate more congenial. Many thanks & prayers are continually offered for your restoration. But may you, and all concerned, say in truth, "Thy will & the Lord be done."

We have made no attempt to get out the Reporter - this there is matter enough - because our thoughts & labors have been directed towards the paper at Washington. We have so far been successful in that project. Upwards of $6000 a year for 3 years have been pledged, & subscribers names are coming in fast. Dr Bailey has moved to W. - L. P. Noble is Pub. agent. Perhaps you may remember him. He is about 40, a Baptist, was a merchant in Albany, & has lived here sometime. We print in W. would print the paper. a contract will probably be made with Buell & to set up the type & strike off the edition with our press. We have bought $700 new & elegant type, a new Napier press that cost $1650, & have sent them on with Cases, &c &c. Dr. B. intends to begin early in Jany.

The plan, so far as the paper is concerned, excites warm interest everywhere. We have several agents in the different States canvassing for subscribers & the general plan & for subs?

The British Friends of the Evan. Alliance have excluded Slaveholders. Dr Cox & we are trying to get up [illegible] here & form an Alliance, but if done, it will not be as Slaveholders

Truly & affec'ly yours

Lewis Tappan

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